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I hope the next annual meeting will be held at Worcester, where the state can speak out instead of Lynn and Boston. It induces me to think the Massachusetts Board will send females as delegates to the National Convention, and I am surprised that any female can have affronts enough to go. I am for ^{having} Women enjoy their rights, but do not wish to have them claim the prerogatives of men. I am Glad the slaves have some true friends in Boston, and I hope sir, you will be rewarded in Heaven for your toils here in the cause of suffering, insulted humanity.

I hope that notwithstanding our personal regard for friend Garrison, we shall not support his paper while he advocates the "No Government" theory. I returned mine with the reasons a few days since. The abolitionist is well received among us. I wish to have Br. Wd. send me one copy of the New Work on Slavery and deposit it in Dr. D. S. Kings Bookstore, ^{if convenient}. I calculate he will send a number of them to Boston for sale. I think this work will sell well in this region yours for God, the oppressed and for civil Government

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Dear Dr Phelps, Rev. Horace Moulton.

I have received two letters

from you of recent date, one wishing me to go
the Groton Antislavery Meeting; the other to the
N. Y. — I hope you will not attribute
my absence from both of them to any want
of interest in those meetings; for truly, I feel
deeply for the welfare of this enterprise — and in-
tend to do and sacrifice for the slave all that I
consistently can with other duties. The ^{one} reason
why I was not at Groton was, I had two funerals
to attend while that meeting was in session,
and one reason why I cannot go to N. Y. is,
I was not chosen as a delegate, and now my
engagements ~~are~~ ^{are} such at a distance from home,
that it will be impossible for me to go without
neglecting some essential engagements abroad.

I regret that I cannot comply with your request,
for several reasons — There is a rupture in our ranks,
which has seriously affected our enterprise, and which
not only has a tendency to make us a hissing and
abhorred by our enemies, but to undermine the very
foundation of our enterprise, and bring in a flood of
corruption upon community by disorganization

No Government etc — Sir, I fear the Garrison
Abolitionism as carried out by his party ^{at present} 2,000 for
as their influence extends, will but harm the many
for whom he, ^{in fidelity}, etc. Those whom we placed
the most confidence in her, went to their party
in our late struggle for a representation. But I hope
we shall recover after a while. We are all dearly,
however, at present, and the influence is such that
but little can be expected in Marlborough in favour
of bleeding humanity — I think the sooner we
disorganize and sift out all those who will not
carry out their principles, the better it will be for
the general cause.

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